



TUCSON, Ariz. (Dow Jones)--UniSource Energy Corp. (UNS) expects to earnings to grow 10% annually after 2000.

A First Call/Thomson Financial survey of four analysts produced a mean earnings estimate for 2000 of \$1.04.

For the year ended Dec. 31, 1999, the company reported income before items of \$56.5 million, or \$1.74 a diluted share, on revenue of \$803.8 million. In a press release Monday, the company cited the positive influence of its Global Solar unit's expansion in new and existing markets. UniSource holds a 67% ownership stake in Global Solar. UniSource said Global Solar develops and deploys new energy technologies and is now making a thinfilm photovoltaic material that is lightweight, durable, flexible and converts sunlight directly into electricity.

The utility holding company said Global Solar plans to triple its photovoltaic production capacity this year and hopes to capture 15% of the market within five years.

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